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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SITREP NO. 5, 1600 HOURS EST,
FEBRUARY 16, 1979

1. (ENTIRE TEXT SECRET/EXDIS)

2. THE SPECIAL PLANE CARRYING MRS. DUBS AND THE OFFICIAL
PARTY ARRIVED IN KABUL EARLY TODAY WASHINGTON TIME. A
MEMORIAL SERVICE IS BEING HELD FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS IN
KABUL AND THE PLANE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ANDREWS AT
12:20 P.M. EST FEB. 18.

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5. TOMORROW, CHARGE AMSTUTZ IS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST THE ACTING SECRETARY'S PROTEST NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN CONCERNING THE AFGHAN HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT WHICH LED TO DUBS' DEATH. HE ALSO HAS A MEETING WITH AMIN ON FEBRUARY 19, THE EARLIEST IT COULD TAKE PLACE. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE EMBASSY WILL DELIVER A NOTE ASKING THE DRA FOR DETAILS ON ITS INVESTIGATION INTO DUBS' DEATH.

6. WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REPLY FROM THE SOVIETS TO ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S PROTEST AND

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REQUEST FOR A REPORT ON SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFGHAN POLICE RAID ON THE ROOM WHERE DUBS WAS HELD BY HIS CAPTORS. YESTERDAY, TASS CALLED "ABSURD" STORIES IN THE WESTERN PRESS CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT OF PERSONS WHO "IN REALITY HAD NOTHING TO DO" WITH THE DEATH OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN KABUL.

7. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE KABUL PRESS OF THE INCIDENT AND THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS LOWERED FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF. ACCORDING TO A KABUL RADIO BROADCAST, THE DRA HAS CONDEMNED TERRORISM AND CALLED THE KILLING OF

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DUBS AN ACT "AGAINST THE GOOD RELATIONS OF...TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS."

8. LATE NOTE: SY IS ARRANGING FOR A TOY SECURITY OFFICER TO PROCEED TO KABUL TO ASSESS THE SECURITY SITUATION AND IS ALSO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO GET THREE TOY MARINE SECURITY GUARDS TO KABUL.
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